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SETC Decides on Regional Designation

WDB Remains in Northern New Jersey Region

orkforce Development Board (WDB)
Chair **David Hollowell** reported to the Executive Committee that a meeting with WDB Chairs, Directors and One-Stop Operators was held by the State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) at Montclair State University. The SETC presented several options for regional groupings of Workforce Development Boards.

WDB Director **Jack Patten** emphasized that the regional designation was extremely important due to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regional planning requirement.

Of the three options presented by the SETC, the Morris-Sussex-Warren WDB favored the one that would continue to group our area with the populous northern New Jersey for the following reasons:

- 1. It conforms to the Northern New Jersey Metropolitan Statistical Area providing convenient, ready access to complete data for regional planning.
- 2. It is consistent with area commuting patterns. Approximately eight times as many Morris, Sussex and Warren workers commute to this option's areas as compared to commuting to areas in the second option.



3. It conforms to the membership of North Jersey Partners (NJP), a regional workforce development planning consortium. NJP has significant successful workforce planning experience and well developed infrastructure. NJP is very well positioned for immediate implementation of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act regional ning requirements.

planning requirements.

4. Operationally, it is consistent with Morris-Sussex-Warren WDB's ability to meet the training needs of other northern New Jersey residents when area -specific WIOA funding is limited or exhausted.

In late fall, the SETC approved this option, continuing the MSW WDB's placement in its desired regional grouping along with the WDB areas of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Newark, Passaic, Somerset and Union.

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Carl Jablonski Honored with Award

"2015 Unsung Hero Award" Presented to Veterans Advocate



The Workforce Development Board is pleased to report that Carl Jablonski, Board Member and Manager of the Morris County One-Stop Career Center, was awarded the "2015 Unsung Hero Award" from the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. The Award was given "in recognition of personal dedication to the campaign to end veteran homelessness in the United States".

J. Michael Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer of Community Hope, nominated Carl for this honor for his unflagging support of veterans. He stated that Carl was "an integral partner" of the November 2014 Annual Stand Down in Morristown, as well as the job fair held for veterans. Carl provided valuable input and was a key planning committee member for both events.

Armstrong noted that Carl's current efforts are a continuation of his dedication to the cause of assisting homeless veterans; in 2013, Carl received the American Legion of New Jersey's Employment Service Local Office of the Year Award.

The job fair was Community Hope's first experience in hosting a job fair specifically for veterans, and Armstrong said Carl's "wealth of information was vital". Over 400 veterans came through the doors of the Morristown Armory during the two-day event, more than in previous years.

Armstrong stated that, "The event was a great success not just in the volume of veterans who received respite from the street that day, but in the number of veterans who were linked to housing and other vital services that will last well beyond two days."

He went on to add, "As you can see, the entire state of New Jersey as well as Community Hope are very fortunate to have the support and assistance of such a dedicated individual. Mr. J's effort, dedication of time and employee resources, and support has helped to enhance the lives of hundreds of homeless veterans."

The WDB congratulates Carl Jablonski on this well-deserved honor.



Area Unemployment Rates			
	FEB	MAR	APR
Morris	3.7 %	3.9 %	3.8 %
Sussex	4.7 %	4.8 %	4.5 %
Warren	4.6 %	4.9 %	4.5 %
NJ	4.8 %	5.0 %	4.9 %

MSW ETS Launches New Website

Job Seeker and Business Information Available July 1

DB Member Donna Buchanan, One-Stop Operator and Director of Morris/Sussex/Warren Employment and Training Services, is pleased to announce that, in partnership with the Workforce Development Board, they are launching their new website, www.msw-jobtraining.org, effective July 1, 2016.

The goal of this new website is to provide visitors, both job seekers and employers, with an easier way to learn about job and career training services and solutions through the Morris, Sussex and Warren County One-Stop Career Centers. In addition to the About Us, Events and Transportation pages, the new website gives access to other distinct career services:

- <u>Job Seeker Services</u> assists those seeking information on the labor market and labor demand occupations, career counseling, workshops, access to computers/fax/copiers, and many other tools and services needed for a successful job search.
- **Job Training** links visitors to various classroom and online grant-funded training programs offered through state-approved training providers.
- Youth Services guides visitors through services to assist youth, ages 16-24, with GED/HSE preparation, tutoring and instruction, mentoring, jobs skills training, job search assistance and a host of other services and tools.
- Employer Support is also available and introduces the On-the-Job Training program, which reimburses employers a percentage of a new employee's wages during training. This service provides employers with jobready, pre-screened applicants.

New features such as social media buttons for Facebook, Twitter and Linkedin are in development to improve communication with visitors. ETS hopes that users find the new website information easy to access and wishes to establish this site as a valuable, informative source of career and job training information for One-Stop customers and other visitors.

Youth Entering Post-Secondary Education

ne-Stop Operator and WDB Member **Donna Buchanan** recently announced that, since July 2015, a total of 35 Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) have been written by Employment and Training Services for youth. To put the number in perspective, the most ITAs written for youth in a previous year is one.

Jack Patten informed the WDB Executive Committee that, "this is a major achievement that has wide implications for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth programs." He went on to tell the Committee that it is possible that more Program Year 2015 WIOA funds will be spent on ITAs than contracted service providers.

WDB's Newest Member

The WDB welcomes its most recent member - **Anthony Abrantes** - to the Board.

Anthony is Council Representative to the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters

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NRCC Reports Initiatives

Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters

he WDB's newest Member, An**thony Abrantes**, is Council Representative at the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters (NRCC). The Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters (NRCC) represents thousands of hardworking men and women throughout the states of New Jersey and Delaware, plus regions in Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania, making it one of the largest trade unions on the East Coast. The NRCC equips professional craftsmen with the skills that are demanded in today's construction industry. Its regional structure ensures that the organization can work cooperatively with contractors and maintain the superior quality of workmanship that contractors have come to expect from union carpenters.

Anthony shared the following initiatives from the NRCC.

SISTERS BROTHERHOOD

Earn while you Learn!

- July kicks off an important month for the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters Sisters in the Brotherhood for women inter-

ested in pursuing a career in construction and carpentry. After a successful 3rd annual Open House in May, the Sisters are now gearing up to recruit for the Sisterhood Pre-Apprentice Program that provides free training to women ages 18+. The Pre-Apprenticeship Program gives women the tools necessary to become a successful Union Carpenter. Pre-Apprenticeship participants have the chance to earn while they learn during this five-week program that can lead them to a well-paid Apprenticeship Program with the Carpenters Union.

Information Sessions will be held at the NRCC Kenilworth Training Facility on July 11th at 10am and 5pm. Log on to "www.northeastcarpenters.org/sibpreapprenticeship/" to learn how to register.



College Credits, Apprentice Training Programs - The NRCC has joined with our states leading higher education institutions to offer apprentice

training programs that can lead to the attainment of a college degree. These programs fuse together a unique blend of coursework, specialized training, and hands-on work experience to help apprentices move forward and take the next step. In New Jersey, apprentices can work towards a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology (BSAST) degree in Technical Studies from Thomas Edison State College, or an Associate's Degree in Technical Studies at any one of New Jersey's 19 community colleges. For more information, visit www.niplace.com

New Edison Training Center Breaks

Ground - Construction has begun on the first phase of a new training center located at the NRCC's headquarters at 91 Field-crest Avenue in Edison. After the completion of the parking garage in 2016, the new, state-of-the-art training facility is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. It will then become the 15th training center the NRCC oversees in its five-state region. For more information about NRCC Training Centers, go to:

www.northeastcarpenters.org/ training_centers

"Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him."

- Aldous Huxley